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## Former CIA director claims Cold War victory for U.S.

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"We have reached a new era in foreign policy," according to former CIA Director Admiral Stansfield Turner. "The Cold War is over and we have won."

Turner made these remarks in a speech Thursday night at Cubberley Auditorium in which he addressed the "Gorbachev revolution" and explored "its impact on the future of the United States."

There have been "widespread admissions that communism has failed" not only from Mihkail Gorbachev, but from many Soviet leaders, Turner said.

"Perestroika (the restructuring of the Soviet economy) is not just a good idea, but a necessity," he stated. There are new trends toward self-determination in the Soviet Union, and the Soviet people "are demanding a say in how they are governed."

In the past, when living conditions were improving, people were willing to accept the status quo. Today, with the Soviet economy stagnating, people are no longer willing to sacrifice their rights and are demanding a "say in government."

As a result, Gorbachev has been forced to make concessions by allowing some freedom of expression, through the program of glasnost or openness, and by introducing some of the incentives our free markets offer, Turner said.

However, Turner noted "there are going to be direct conflicts between what [Gorbachev] wants to do with the economy" and the "traditional political beliefs of the Soviet Union." Free-market incentives run counter to Marxist doctrine, and this tension may create problems in the future.

Turner went on to speculate about the effects these new Soviet attitudes will have on the world. He said the "Soviets will be preoccupied with effecting internal changes so [they will have] less energy and resources to meddle around in the rest of the world."

This "will give us a wonderful opportunity to position ourselves against whatever perestroika may produce," he suggested.

Turner said in light of these changes there are "three ways to position ourselves." First, we must have arms control agreements to reduce to risk of war. Second, we must stand together with our allies. And third, we must strengthen our economy so we can stay ahead of the Soviet Union.

He added that in the future "our relations with our alliances will be one of the most important foreign policy issues" and internally, national priorities will shift from "military to economic" interests.

According to Turner, the Bush administration will have to encourage U.S. businesses to become fiercely competitive while maintaining good relations with their foreign counterparts.

Turner ended his speech stating the "Cold War is behind us."

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